Withdrawals under NHB (Voluntary Deposit) Scheme

1992. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of black money canalised through National Housing Bank (Voluntary Deposits) Scheme, 1991 upto the end of January, 1992;

(b) what is the amount withdrawn by Depositors under this Scheme upto the end of June, 1992;

(c) whether Government extended the Scheme after January, 1992; and

(d) if so, how much deposits were received by the NHB under this scheme after January, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) National Housing Bank (Voluntary Deposits) Scheme, 1991 was closed on January 31, 1992. The amount collected under the scheme is Rs. 153.51 crores.

(b) The scheme stipulated that 60 per cent of the amount deposited under the scheme could be withdrawn without any locking period by the depositors for any stated purpose.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Implementation of Gupta Committee Report

1993. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the Gupta Committee report on the administrative set up and service conditions in the Regional Rural Banks;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) by when the recommendations of the Committee are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) subsequent upon the implementation of the Award of the National Industrial Tribunal for Regional Rural Banks and the recommendations of the Equation Committee, certain changes were to be brought about in Service Regulations, Recruitment and Promotion Policy for the RRB employees. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) had accordingly constituted a Working Group in September, 1991, with the following terms of reference:

(i) to frame service regulations for all categories of employees of Regional Rural Banks;

(ii) to frame recruitment and promotion policies in RRBs and

(iii) any other matter relating to the implementation of the award of the Tribunal read with the Equation Committee Report.

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development to whom the Working Group submitted its report have advised the Government on the implementation of the recommendations relating to Staff Service Regulations, Recruitment and Promotion Policy etc. The recommendations of the Working Group are under consideration and decisions on the same will be taken in due course.

Resource constraint in Budget Allocation

1994. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as reported in the Editorial of the Patriot of the 22nd June, 1992, Government

have been facing enormous resource constraint, to the extent that it is not able to maintain the budget allocation for Health, Education and Social Sectors;

(b) if so, the precise extent of resource constraint felt by each of the Departments; and

(c) what remedial steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The budgetary allocations for some socially important sectors during the year 1991-92(RE) and 1992-93(BE) are indicated below—

(Rs. in crores)

Sector	1991-92 (RE)	1992-93 (BE)
Health	525·31	560·29
Family Welfare	866.60	1010.41
Education	1678.98	1725.17
Women & Child Development	404.65	489.63
Rural Development	3021.24	3113.24
Welfare	507.13	559.18

The above figures would indicate that Government have been able to maintain the 1992-93 budgetary allocations at the previous year's level for the above mentioned socially important sectors.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Smuggling of chemicals on Rajasthan border

1995. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that acetic anhydride, a chemical procured from painsts and plastic industries around the major towns of Rajasthan, are being smuggled into Pakistan for processing opium into heroin;

(b) if so, what is the extent of this liquid seized at the Rajasthan border with Pakistan during the last one year till-date;

(c) what is the modus operandi of the smugglers; and

(d) what action has been taken to identify the persons involved in the smuggling and their contacts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) Attempts to smuggle acetic anhydride from India into Paikstan across the Rajasthan; Pakistan border have been detected in the recent past. The number of cases booked, the quantity